

[SIDBI Exam 2016]

Current affairs: September

- 1) The second ship of the Kolkata-class (Project 15A) Guided Missile Destroyers which was commissioned into the Indian Navy by the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai- **INS Kochi**
- 2) **Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme** - The scheme will help in reducing the demand for physical gold by shifting a part of the estimated 300 tons of physical bars and coins purchased every year for Investment into gold bonds. Since most of the demand for gold in India is met through imports, this scheme will, ultimately help in maintaining the country's Current Account Deficit within sustainable limits.
- 3) **G-4 countries** viz Brazil, Germany, India and Japan have issued a Joint Statement on United Nations Security Council Reforms (UNSC). It was issued after G-4 meeting held in New York, US which was called by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel and Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe.
- 4) **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has granted in principle approval to **10 entities to set up small finance banks** to provide basic banking services to small farmers and micro industries. The selected applicants are: Au Financiers (Jaipur), Capital Local Area Bank (Jalandhar), Disha Microfin (Ahmedabad), Equitas Holdings (Chennai), ESAF Microfinance and Investments (Chennai), Janalakshmi Financial Services (Bengaluru), RGVN (Northeast) Microfinance (Guwahati), Suryoday Micro Finance (Navi Mumbai), Ujjivan Financial Services (Bengaluru) and Utkarsh Micro Finance (Varanasi).
- 5) **Healthcare firm Practo** has acquired has acquired hospital management software firm **Insta Health Solutions** for 12 million dollars.
- 6) Tallest mountain in North America, **Mount McKinley renamed as Denali**.
- 7) The Indian billiards player who has won the **IBSF World Billiards Championships 2015 (timed format)** defeating Peter Gilchrist of Singapore in the finals (this is his 14th title) - **Pankaj Advani**

- 8) Indian-origin author Sunjeev Sahota has been short-listed for the prestigious 2015 Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Sunjeev Sahota's novel The Year of the Runaways has been shortlisted which deals with the life experience of illegal immigrants from the Indian subcontinent in Britain.
- 9) Renowned Agriculture expert Professor Ramesh Chand has been appointed as new full time member of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. With this appointment he became third full-time member of NITI Aayog, Union Government's think tank which had replaced the erstwhile Planning Commission. Besides Mr. Chand, economist Bibek Debroy and former DRDO chief V K Saraswat are other two full-time members of NITI Aayog.
- 10) The American aircraft manufacturing company with which Govt of India has signed defence deals to purchase Apache and Chinook helicopters- Boeing
- 11) The 60-year-old commodities regulatory body which has been merged with the capital markets watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in first major case of two regulators being merged- Forward Markets Commission (FMC)
- 12) Industrialist Mukesh Ambani has been named as India's richest person for ninth consecutive year in a row with a net worth of 18.9 billion dollars in the 2015 Forbes magazine's India rich list. Presently, Mr. Ambani is the Chairman, Managing director (MD) and largest shareholder of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL). It should be noted that RIL is India's second most valuable company by market value after Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Top 10: Mukesh Ambani (18.9 billion dollars), Dilip Shanghvi (18 billion) of Sun Pharma, Azim Premji (15.9 billion) of Wipro, Hinduja brothers (15.9 billion), Pallonji Mistry (14.7 billion), Shiv Nadar (12.9 billion), Godrej family (11.4 billion), Lakshmi Mittal (11.2 billion), Cyrus Poonawala (7.9 billion) and Kumar Mangalam Birla (7.8 billion).
- 13) The theme of World Tourism Day observed on 27 Sep 2015- One billion tourists, one billion opportunities
- 14) The new name of Facebook owned mobile app internet.org- Free Basics

- 15) The organisation which has been presented a certificate by Limca Book of Records for the Largest Yoga performance simultaneously by a single uniformed youth organisation at multiple venues on International Day of Yoga on 21 Jun 2015- **NCC**
- 16) The film directed by Chaitanya Tamhane which has been chosen to be India's official entry to the Academy Awards (Oscars) in the Best Foreign Film Category- **Court**
- 17) The CEO of German automotive multinational, Volkswagen AG who resigned taking responsibility for an emissions cheating scandal related to the company's diesel cars- **Martin Winterkorn,**  
**Volkswagen AG appoints Matthias Mueller as new CEO**
- 18) The Indian subsidiary of Norway-based Telewings Communications which has rebranded itself as Telenor- **Uninor**
- 19) **24th Vyaas Samman conferred on eminent Hindi writer Dr Kamal Kishore Goenka**
- 20) The Chairpersons of PepsiCo and Hindustan Times Group who have been awarded the 2015 Global Leadership Award by the US India Business Council- **Indra Nooyi and Shobana Bhartia**
- 21) The President of Board of Control for Cricket in India and Cricket Association of Bengal who passed away on 20 Sep 2015- **Jagmohan Dalmiya**
- 22) **Nepal has adopted new Constitution** marking the country's transition to a secular and democratic republic. The new Constitution was unveiled by Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav at a special ceremony held in Parliament at Kathmandu.
- 23) The two rivers which have been linked in India's first river-linking project, popularly known as Pattiseema project- **Godavari and Krishna**
- 24) The Indian institutes which have figured in the QS World University Rankings of 2015-16 at rank 147 and 179 respectively- **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and IIT, Delhi**

- 25) The leader of the Liberal Party who has assumed office as the 29th Prime Minister of Australia after defeating the former PM Tony Abbott in a leadership ballot- **Malcolm Turnbull**
- 26) The venue of 10th World Hindi Conference being held from 10 to 12 Sep with Madhya Pradesh as partner state- **Bhopal**
- 27) The Indian golf player who has become the first from the country to qualify for the prestigious President's Cup team (President's Cup is a golf tournament in which the United States team competes against an international team)- **Anirban Lahiri**
- 28) The award instituted by the Government of India in 1995 which was conferred on the Indian Space Research Organisation by the President Dr. Pranab Mukherjee- **Gandhi Peace Prize, 2014**
- 29) The island off the coast of Odisha (Integrated Test Range maintaining a missile testing facility is located in the island) which has been named after the former President APJ Abdul Kalam- **Wheeler Island**
- 30) The South African city which has been chosen to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games becoming the first African city to host the games- **Durban**

<b>Australian Open</b> <b>Dates:</b> last fortnight of January <b>Venue:</b> Melbourne Park, Melbourne	<b>French Open</b> <b>Dates:</b> fortnight of late May / early June <b>Venue:</b> Stade Roland Garros, Paris
<b>Men's Singles:</b> Novak Djokovic <b>Women's Singles:</b> Serena Williams <b>Men's Double:</b> Simone Bolelli / Fabio Fognini <b>Women's Double:</b> Bethanie Mattek-Sands / Lucie Šafářová <b>Mix:</b> Martina Hingis / Leander Paes	<b>Men's Singles:</b> Stan Wawrinka <b>Women's Singles:</b> Serena Williams <b>Men's Double:</b> Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo <b>Women's Double:</b> Bethanie Mattek-Sands / Lucie Šafářová <b>Mix:</b> Bethanie Mattek-Sands / Mike Bryan
<b>Wimbledon Open</b> <b>Dates:</b> fortnight of late June / early July <b>Venue:</b> All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London	<b>US Open</b> <b>Dates:</b> fortnight of late August / early September <b>Venue:</b> USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York City
<b>Men's Singles:</b> Novak Djokovic <b>Women's Singles:</b> Serena Williams <b>Men's Double:</b> Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecău <b>Women's Double:</b> Martina Hingis / Sania Mirza <b>Mix:</b> Martina Hingis / Leander Paes	<b>Men's Singles:</b> Novak Djokovic <b>Women's Singles:</b> Flavia Pennetta <b>Men's Double:</b> Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut <b>Women's Double:</b> Martina Hingis / Sania Mirza <b>Mix:</b> Martina Hingis / Leander Paes

### Leander Paes – Grand Slam titles Won

Men's Doubles	Years won	Mixed Doubles	Years Won
French Open	1999, 2001, 2009	French Open	–
Wimbledon	1999	Wimbledon	1999, 2003, 2010, 2015
US Open	2006, 2009, 2013	US Open	2008, 2015
Australian Open	2012	Australian Open	2003, 2010, 2015

### Sania Mirza – Grand Slam titles Won

Women's Doubles	Years won	Mixed Doubles	Years Won
Wimbledon	2015	Australian Open	2009
US Open	2015	French Open	2012
	–	US Open	2014
Girls Doubles	Years won		
Wimbledon	2003		

### Launch of ASTROSAT

ASTROSAT is the country's Multi Wavelength Space Observatory.

Launch vehicle: **PSLV C-30**

Launch date: **28 Sep 2015**

Launched: **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**

The PSLV also launched Canada's NLS-14 nano satellite, Indonesia's LAPAN-A2 microsatellite and four identical LEMUR nano satellites for the United States into space. This the first time ISRO has launched satellites for the USA. With this launch ISRO has launched 51 foreign satellites so far.

### World Bank's ranking of Indian States - Ease of doing business

Rank	State	Overall Implementation
1.	Gujarat	71.14%
2.	Andhra Pradesh	70.12%
3.	Jharkhand	63.09%
4.	Chhattisgarh	62.45%
5.	Madhya Pradesh	62.00%

### **Launch of W-20**

1. **What is it?** An engagement grouping of women leaders from G-20 countries, to push for gender inclusive global economic growth.
2. **The beginning:** The W-20 was launched at the G-20 meeting of Finance Ministers and central bank governors in Turkish capital Ankara.
3. **The President of W-20:** Ms. Gulden Turkcan has been appointed the first President of the group.
4. **The first summit :** 07-08 Oct 2015
5. **Venue of first summit:** Istanbul, Turkey.

**[All the best by Ur GK buddy Suryansh]**